



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, AREA II SUPPORT ACTIVITY
UNIT #15333
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IMKO-AB-PL-LO

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COMMAND POLICY # 5-2

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Exceptions to Policy for Privately Owned Vehicles (POV) & Drivers' Licenses

1. References

a. USFK Regulation 190-1, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision, 27 November 2005

2. Purpose: To establish guidelines to govern requests for exceptions to policy for privately owned vehicles & drivers' licenses.

3. Applicability: This memorandum applies to all individuals covered under the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) that work or reside within Area II.

4. General: Only one POV may be registered with a USFK motor vehicle recorder and only one duty-free POV may be owned by SOFA status personnel. Driving privileges and ownership of POVs fall into two categories. Those IAW USFK Reg. 190-1 and exceptions to USFK 190-1 granted by the area commander. Personal convenience is not a basis for approval of a request for an exception.

a. Personnel granted the privilege of owning and operating a POV IAW USFK 190-1 fall into one of the following categories:

(1) Personnel in a command sponsored status regardless of grade. (Note: Personnel having partial command sponsorship are included, if authorized by sponsorship orders).

(2) Joint domicile status authorized a POV on orders (only one vehicle can be registered per family, even if both military).

(3) A member of the US Armed Forces in the grade of E-7 (Sergeant First Class, US Army and US Marine Corps); Master Sergeant (US Air Force); Chief Petty Officer (US Navy); or as otherwise stated above.

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(4) Department of the Army (DA) civilians in the grade of GS5 or above, USFK technical representatives, and invited contractors.

(5) U.S. citizens or third country nationals employed by invited contractors, who have SOFA privileges.

(6) Any member of USFK or its civilian component authorized shipment of a POV at government expense.

b. Exceptions to policy to own and operate a POV for individuals not authorized by the categories contained in 4(a), or individuals desiring a second POV or drivers' license, will be reviewed on a case by case basis. The following criteria will be used in evaluating requests:

(1) Extreme family hardship or medical condition that can only be solved through the ownership of a privately owned vehicle (POV), second POV, or drivers' license.

(2) Personnel assigned to command sponsored positions that are serving in family member restricted areas and their families residing elsewhere in Korea.

(3) Critical nature of the individual's work that substantially contributes to the accomplishment of the military mission. Individuals holding key positions as listed in Command Policy # 5-16, (Reserved Parking on Area II Installations) fall into this category.

c. While a motorcycle (50cc and larger) is treated as a POV, for the purpose of the one duty-free rule (Para 4, a), motorcycles do not count. Thus, a person meeting all the requirements of this policy may register a motorcycle as a 2d POV without obtaining an exception to policy.

d. The following documentation must accompany the request:

(1) Individual's request, detailing the reason(s) for the exception to policy request, should indicate command sponsorship status. Personnel requesting an exception for drivers' license E-6 and below (to include their family members) will provide documentation as required by USFK Regulation 190-1.

(2) Endorsement(s) from the individual's chain of command (to include an O-6 commander) for POV and second POVs. Endorsement(s) from commander (in the grade of O-5 or above) for exceptions to drivers licenses for USFK service members in the grades of E-6 and below (to include their family members) who are non-command sponsored.

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(3) Requests based on medical reasons must be accompanied by official medical documentation.

(4) For a request involving severe impairment of unit mission, it is necessary to document the past expenditure of TDY funds for use of the individual POV.

(5) Requests for POV or drivers license exception to policy will be limited to two submissions within a six-month period. Requests that are submitted without the proper documentation, to include chain of command endorsement, will be returned without action.

e. Temporary exceptions (Parking Status) to policy may be granted for individuals selling, buying or repairing their POV's. Exceptions in this category authorize individuals to register a POV for parking only.

f. The Area II Driver's Testing Office, will ensure that only those service members in the grades of E-6 and below and /or their family members who have the Area II Commander's approval (for exceptions to policy) or 0-5 commander's approval (Command Sponsored) receive a POV operator's license.

g. Revalidation Personnel who receive exceptions to policy are valid until the individual's DEROS and will be required to submit another exception to policy if they wish to keep this exception NLT 30 days prior to their DEROS. This exception is a privilege, and may be cancelled immediately upon violation of traffic laws. This exception if approved is not authorization to ship a POV at government expense.

5. Requests for exception to policy or questions regarding the policy should be addressed to the Commander, Area II Support Activity, Attn: Law & Order Office at 738-4361/4603.



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